

ISRAEL BEACH.

DECEMBER 22, 1831.

Mr. DOUBLEDAY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Israel Beach, report:*

It appears from the affidavits of Asher Smith, John Thompson, and Michael Beach, that the petitioner enlisted for one year in the company of Capt. Titus Watson, of Norfolk, in the State of Connecticut, in the winter of 1776, and that he duly served the said term of one year against the common enemy, and that he served two terms of two months each in the year 1777. It appears that the petitioner served the said term of one year in the regiment commanded by Colonel Burwell, which was engaged in the expedition against Quebec; and the petitioner gives a pathetic statement of the sickness, suffering, and privations which he endured in that expedition, and alleges that the Government has never fulfilled its contract with him in regard to pay, rations, or clothing. He alleges that before the passage of the pension law, he had disposed of all his property to his children, and that he has been residing with one of his children for about five years. He asks whether Congress will send one of the old revolutionary soldiers to become the tenant of a poor house, before granting relief? The Hon. John Dickson, a member of this House, representing the district in which the petitioner resides, certifies that the petitioner is a man of fair fame, of good character for truth and veracity, and that, in his opinion, the most implicit confidence may be placed in the petitioner's statements; that, from report, he believes the petitioner's statement in relation to his property, to be correct; and that he has now but little if any property.

ISRAEL BEACH

DECEMBER 22, 1851

The Board of Directors, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensioners, make the following

REPORT

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensioners, to whom was referred the petition of Israel Beach, report

It appears from the affidavit of Asher Smith, John Thompson, and Michael Beach, that the petitioner claimed for one year in the company of Capt. John Watson, in Norfolk, in the State of Connecticut, in the winter of 1776, and that he duly served the said term of one year against the common enemy, and that he served two terms of two months each in the year 1777. It appears that the petitioner served the said term of one year in the regiment commanded by Colonel Burwell, which was engaged in the expedition against Quebec; and the petitioner gives a particular account of the service, including and privations which he endured in that expedition, and states that the Government has never fulfilled its contract with him to pay, ransom or clothing. The alleged that before the passage of the pension law, he had disposed of all his property to his children, and that he has been residing with one of his children for about five years. He asks whether Congress will send one of the aid revolutionary soldiers to be come the tenant of a poor house before granting relief. The Chairman, a member of this House, representing the district in which the petitioner resides, certifies that the petitioner is a man of fair name, of good character for truth and veracity, and that, in his opinion, the most impartial confidence may be placed in the statement of his petition; that from what he believes the petitioner's statement in relation to his property, to be correct, and that he has now but little if any property.